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To: Captain D. P. Newton, Legal Section, SCIP.
Subject: Ofuna Temporary POW Camp

This is to reply to your oral request concerning the Ofuna Temporary POW Camp as given to me on May 20th, 1946.

1. What connection had Capt. Itagaki with the Ofuna Temporary POW Camp?

Ans. Capt. Itagaki was the official in charge of POW affairs at the Navy Ministry from August, 1943 and had no direct connection with the Ofuna Temporary POW Camp.

Moreover, as Capt. Itagaki had charge of such multifarious affairs as ceremony, formality, flag-display, regulation of uniforms, protection of military secrets, examination of war prizes and censorship besides that of POW, his visits to the Camp were limited to occasions when he made stopovers at Ofuna on his official visits to Yokosuka. Consequently, he does not know conditions of the Camp in detail.

2. Who were the bureau and division heads at the Navy Ministry who supervised Capt. Itagaki?

Ans. Directors of the Administrative Bureau

Vice-Admiral Takazumi OKI (from Aug., 1943 to July 1944)
Vice-Admiral Takeo TADA (from Aug., 1944 to May 1945)
Vice-Admiral Zenjiro Hoshina (from May 1945 to Sept., 1945)

Chiefs of Division, Administrative Bureau

Rear-Admiral Yoshio YAMAMOTO (from Aug., 1943 to July 1945)
Capt. Hiroshi NAGASAWA (from July 1945 to Sept., 1945)

3. Who ordered the establishment of the Ofuna Temporary POW Camp?

Ans. As there was no convenient structure to temporarily accommodate POWs captured by the Navy until such time as they would be handed over to the Army, it was erected by the Yokosuka Naval Station at the order of the Navy Ministry.

4. When was the Ofuna Temporary POW Camp erected?
Also, from what time were POWs accommodated?

Ans. As there are no records, it cannot be exactly verified but according to the memory of those connected with the matter, it is believed that the camp was erected on April 7, 1942 and POWs were accommodated from that date.

5. Who ordered the accommodation of POWs at Ofuna?

Ans. Whenever POWs were captured by the Navy in Japan or when those captured by the Navy overseas were brought to Japan, orders were issued from the Navy Ministry to the Yokosuka Naval Station which in turn ordered the Yokosuka Naval Guards to have them interned temporarily at Ofuna.

6. Who ordered the transfer of POWs from the Ofuna Camp to the Army?

Ans. Negotiation for transfer to army camps was done by the Navy Ministry and whenever the War Ministry gave its consent, the Navy Ministry ordered the Yokosuka Naval Station which in turn ordered the Yokosuka Naval Guards to carry out the transfer.

/s/ K. ITAGAKI,
Member of Administrative Bureau,
Second Demobilization Ministry.

C E R T I F I C A T E

27 October 1947

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached document is a true and correct copy of a statement by K. ITAGAKI, which was delivered to Legal Section on or about 20 May 1946 and that the original of said statement is in my custody as assistant Chief, Criminal Registry Division, Legal Section, GHQ, SC.P, Tokyo, Japan, the original cannot be made available immediately as it is required for the trial of minor war criminals.

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題目 大船臨時捕虜收容所

本文書ハ一九四六年五月二十日私ニ對ニテ行ハシタ大
船臨時捕虜收容所ニ關スル事下、口頭尋問ニ對ス
ル回答アリマス。

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ル關係アリマシカ。

答、板垣大佐ハ一九四三年八月カラ海軍省ニ於ケル捕虜
關係事項宣佈擔當者アリマシカ、大船臨時捕虜收
容所トハ直接、關係アリマセンテシタ。

尚板垣大佐ハ捕虜關係事務、他ニ儀式禮法、
國旗揭揚、服制、軍械保證、戰功調查及檢
閱等、雜多ナル事務ヲ取扱アマシタノテ、同
大佐、收容所訪問ハ公用ニテ横須賀ヘ赴ク
際大船ヲ途中下車シタ場合ニ限テ斗マ
シタ。從ツテ彼ハ右收容所、狀態ヲ詳細
ニハ知リスゼン。

二、板垣大佐ヲ監督シテ海軍省ニ於ケル局課
長ハ誰々アシタシカ。

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答 請問文

海軍省時輪船(1940年1月1日-1941年1月1日)付運行表

多田對人(1940年1月1日-1941年1月1日)海軍省時輪船

四節(1941年1月1日-1941年1月1日)海軍省時輪船

長八海軍少將(1941年1月1日-1941年1月1日)海軍省時輪船

軍火佐長澤(1941年1月1日-1941年1月1日)海軍省時輪船

三、大船臨時捕虜收容前、該艦の命令ハシハ誰アスカ。

答、海軍側が捕へり捕虜戸隨軍船ニ引渡サヒ延時

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賀鎮守府が大船臨時收容前ト連了ス。

四、大船臨時捕虜收容前ハ何時達テシテスカ。又、捕虜ガ
收容セリトハ何時カニテスカ。

答、記録ガナシテ捕虜(ニハ立體空木)ガ事件關係者、

記憶ニヨリマヌト、石收容前ハ一九四一年四月四日付テス。

捕虜ハ一日カラ收容サリト因ム。

五、大船ニ捕虜ヲ收容スルノル命令ニシハ誰アスカ。

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海軍が捕へタ捕虜が日本へ運送サタ時、海軍省カラ

横須賀鎮守府ニ對シテ命令ガ下リ、更ニ石鎮守

府カラ横須賀海軍輸送備隊ニ對シ捕虜ヲ臨時

大船ニ拘置スル命令ガ下リ。

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六、 命令 捕縛ヲ大船收容所ヨリ陸軍側ニ移スコト、言及
命令ニシテ。 陸軍側收容所ヘ移管スルニ涉、海軍省
之ヲ行。 陸軍省が六諾下海軍省、横須賀
鎮守府ニ命令シ、更ニ鎮守府が横須賀監
備隊ニ付シ其移管ヲ行。 長官様、命令ニシテ。

才ニ復員省管理局員
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證 明

一九四六年十月二十一日

兹三添付、文書、一九四六年五月二十日頃法務部
二手文書、板垣、陳述書、眞實三手
正確本、上記陳述書、原本、日本、
東京、連合國最高司令官總司令部、法務部
犯罪者登録課長トシテ、余が保管する
尚原本、下級/T.N. MINOR/、戦争犯罪者、裁
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証明入。

法務部犯罪者登録課次長
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